Introduction of Vayudoot service in Southern States

284. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce Vayudoot service between Coimbatore-Salem-Tanjore and Vellore-Salem-Coimbatore; and

(b) by when the Vayudoot service is likely to be extended to the Southern region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Vayudoot services are likely to be extended to some stations in the southern region in the current year.

Results of the Non-resident Indian Investment Scheme

285. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the Non-resident Indians Investment Scheme the response by potential investors has not been found encouraging; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The Government has extended several facilties for attracting inflow of remittances and investment etc. by non-residents of Indian origin/nationality. These facilities have resulted in subsantial inflows of foreign exchange particularly in repatriable and non-repatriable basis the form of remittances and deposits in non-resident external accounts and foreign currency non-resident accounts. A large number of proposals for investment in industrial units on repatriable and non-repatriable basis have also been approved. Taken as a whole, on the basis of the experience so far the response of non-residents to the various schemes announced by the Government cannot be considered unsatisfactory.

Decline in exports of Onions

286. DR: (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of Onions has shown a decline during the last two months; and

(b) if so what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b) The provisional figures in respect of our export of onions during May-June, 1984, with comparative figures of May-June 1983, are as under:

Month	1983-84		1984-85	
	Qty.	Val.	Qty.	Val.
May	23,902	352·46	26,671	407·18
June	15,955	378 35	11,802	198·30
TOTAL :	39,857	730,81	38,473	605·48

Qty. in M/tons Value in Rs. lakh

The marginal shortfall could be attributed to the sudden strike of Port and Dock Workers.